

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended to create a generic linking claim in view of the Restriction Requirement dated August 4, 2005. Further, new claims 11 and 12 have been added to direct to the subject matter deleted from the generic linking claim. Also, claims 2-5 have been amended to depend on new claim 11 in view of the amendment to claim 1. Still further, claims 1-5 have been amended to put the claims in better form under U.S. practice. Lastly, new claims 13-19 have been added to direct to other specific embodiments of the present invention, in particular, *"a film formed from a cationic coating composition"*, and claims 6-10 have been amended, and new claims 20 and 21 have been added, to depend from such claims. Support for the claim amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification and the original claims. Thus, claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

Applicants also note that in view of the Applicants' election and the amendments to the claims, claims 7-10 and 14-21 are now the claims readable on the elected specie, and claims 6 and 13 are generic.

Applicants also traverse the Restriction Requirement since the examination of the claims of Groups I (claims 1-5, 11 and 12) and II (claims 6-10, 20 and 21) as well as new claims 13-19 poses no undue burden on the Examiner. Under §803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner **must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions**. In this case, the claims of Groups I and II and new claims 13-19, directed to a method of coating metal, a coated article, and a film should be examined in one application since the limitations (for example, *"forming a film from a cationic coating composition comprising a base resin and a curing agent"*, *"said film having a glass transition point (T_g) of from 60 to 95°C, and an oxygen permeability of from 5×10^{-13} (cc·cm/cm²·sec·cmHg) to 5×10^{-11} (cc·cm/cm²·sec·cmHg) at a film thickness of 20 μm"*, *"wherein the base resin comprises a modified amino-containing epoxy resin"*) of elected claim 6-10, 20 and 21 are also present in the non-elected claims.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are now in optimal form for examination. Thus, favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please

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charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. KPC-0309 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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